

SCHOOLS.

185. The county commissioners of Dorchester county shall, at their first meeting in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, appoint five commissioners in each election district of the county, whose duty it shall be to superintend the different schools in said election districts and employ teachers for the same, and dismiss them in their discretion; to draw semi-annually on the treasurer of the school fund of the county for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and pay the same to each teacher employed by them, and to have the entire control and management of the schools in their respective districts.

186. The school commissioners thus appointed may appoint three or more auxiliaries for each school in the several districts, for the purpose of superintending said schools.

187. The county commissioners shall notify the school commissioners of their appointment by advertisement to be inserted in a newspaper or newspapers published in the town of Cambridge once a week for three successive weeks.

188. A majority of the board of school commissioners in each election district shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, and the first named commissioner on the list shall act as president of the board.

189. They shall meet at such times and places as they may deem necessary.

190. Each commissioner, before he acts as such, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace of the county faithfully to discharge the duties of his office.

191. They shall, when any school district is in want of a school house, purchase a lot of ground therefor in the most convenient place for the purpose, regard being had to the convenience of the majority of pupils to be educated in the district.

192. They shall, when they cannot obtain said land at fair prices, condemn the same according to law.